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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 55-36963 appears to disclose a discharge valve for a compressor.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 56-65269 appears to disclose a hermetic type electrical compressor.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 57-8958 appears to disclose a discharge valve for a compressor.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 57-172970 appears to disclose a mechanism of discharge port for a compressor having a float in a cylinder head.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 62-79986 appears to disclose a discharge valve for a compressor having an absorption ball in a discharge hole.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 01-158576 appears to disclose a structure of a compressor having ball valves

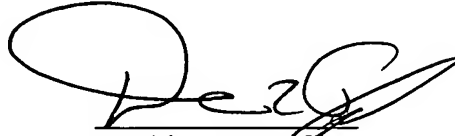
Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 02-34776 appears to disclose a discharge valve for a compressor.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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